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JOPLIN MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING \$20 BILL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Joplin, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for counterfeiting a \$20 bill.

Patrick M. Connelly, 54, of Joplin, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to two years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Connelly** to pay \$460 in restitution.

On Jan. 28, 2004, **Connelly** pleaded guilty to making a counterfeit \$20 bill. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Connelly** admitted that he used a computer, scanner and printer to make a counterfeit \$20 bill between May 20, 2002, and May 30, 2002. **Connelly** also admitted that he made between \$500 and \$800 worth of counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills, some of which he gave to another person. A total of at least \$620 in passed counterfeit currency associated with this case has been recovered by federal agents, Graves said.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Joplin, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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